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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Mean Population</i>
	'000	'000	'000	000
.....				
Financial Years				
1994-95	872.0	861.8	1 733.8	1 718.3
1995-96	887.6	877.7	1 765.3	1 749.8
1996-97 p	904.4	893.7	1 798.1	1 781.8
Calendar years				
1994 r	863.2	853.4	1 716.6	1 703.9
1995	879.6	869.8	1 749.3	1 733.8
1996 p	896.1	885.9	1 781.9	1 765.4
Quarters				
Mar 96	883.7	873.9	1 757.7	..
Jun 96	887.6	877.7	1 765.3	..
Sep 96 p	891.6	881.5	1 773.2	..
Dec 96 p	896.1	885.9	1 781.9	..
Mar 97 p	900.4	890.0	1 790.4	..
Jun 97 p	904.4	893.7	1 798.1	..

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Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 30 June 1997 was 1,798,100 , an increase of 7,700 in the June quarter and 32,800 in the financial year 1996-97. The annual growth rate during 1996-97 was 1.86% compared with a rate of 1.82% in the previous year.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1994-95	14.8	10.5	5.1	30.1
1995-96	14.0	12.3	4.1	30.4
1996-97 p	14.3	13.3	5.3	32.9
Calendar years				
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
1996 p	13.8	12.5	5.8	32.1
Quarters				
Mar 96	3.7	3.2	1.2	8.1
Jun 96	3.6	2.3	1.4	7.3
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.5	1.3	7.9
Dec 96 p	3.4	3.5	1.9	8.8
Mar 97 p	4.0	4.5	0.0	8.5
Jun 97 p	3.8	1.8	2.1	7.7

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

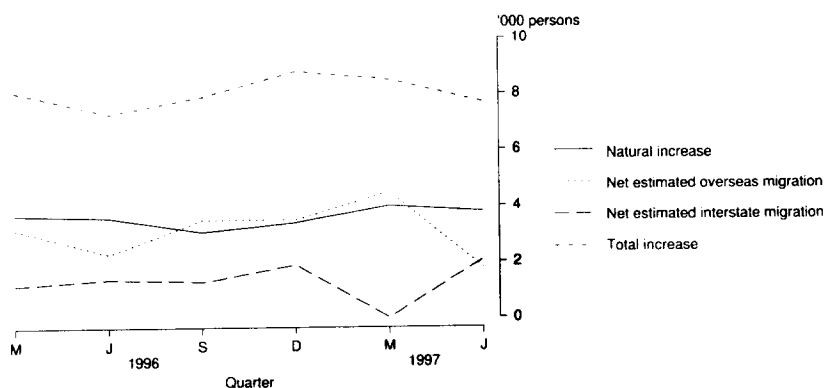
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the June quarter 1997 the population increased by 7,700 compared with an increase of 8,500 in the previous quarter. Both the natural increase and net estimated overseas migration were lower than in the March quarter 1997. However, net estimated interstate migration increased to 2,100 from zero in the previous quarter.

For the financial year 1996-97 the increase of 32,900 was 8.2% higher than the increase in the previous year.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	<i>Live Births</i>	<i>Infant Deaths</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>	<i>Marriages</i>	<i>Divorces</i>
.....					
Financial Years					
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96	24 881	140	10 670	10 019	5 195
1996-97 p	24 840	130	10 561	10 372	4 931
Calendar years					
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
1996	24 800	156	11 019	10 294	4 959
Quarters					
Mar 96	6 236	53	2 588	2 939	1 231
Jun 96	6 288	29	2 633	2 449	1 163
Sep 96	6 203	37	3 094	1 458	1 294
Dec 96	6 073	36	2 704	3 448	1 271
Mar 97 p	6 296	30	2 343	2 904	1 233
Jun 97 p	6 268	27	2 420	2 562	1 133

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Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages in June quarter 1997 fell by 342 or 11.8% from the previous quarter. The total of 2,562 marriages in June quarter 1997 was a rise of 4.6% on June quarter 1996.

The total number of deaths increased by 77 from March quarter 1997, a rise of 3.3%. The number of live births fell by 0.4% and divorces fell by 8.1% from March quarter 1997. Compared to June quarter 1996, the number of deaths decreased by 213 or 8.1% and births decreased by 20 or 0.3%. The number of divorces fell by 30, or 2.6%.

Preliminary data for 1996-97 shows a drop of 41 live births or 0.2% from the previous year. The number of divorces fell by 264 or 5.1% and marriages rose by 353 (3.5%). Total deaths fell by 109 or 1.0% and infant deaths decreased by 10 or 7.1%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995-96	14.2	5.6	6.1	5.7	3.0
1996-97 p	13.9	5.2	5.9	5.8	2.8
Calendar years					
1994	14.7	5.5	6.0	6.1	2.9
1995	14.5	5.1	6.0	6.0	2.9
1996	14.0	6.3	6.2	5.8	2.8
Quarters					
Mar 96	14.2	8.5	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.6	2.6
Sep 96	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9
Dec 96	13.7	5.9	6.1	7.8	2.9
Mar 97 p	14.1	4.8	5.2	6.5	2.8
Jun 97 p	14.0	4.3	5.4	5.7	2.5

- (a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population.
For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.
- (b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate of infant deaths continued to fall, from 4.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in the March quarter 1997 to 4.3 infant deaths in the June quarter 1997.

Compared to June quarter 1996, rates declined by 0.3 for live births, 0.6 for total deaths, 0.3 for infant deaths and 0.1 for divorces. The rate of marriages increased by 0.1.

The rates for live births, infant deaths, marriages and divorces in June quarter 1997 all fell from the previous quarter. Only the rate for deaths increased, by 0.2.

Preliminary rates for 1996-97 show falls for live births, infant deaths, total deaths and divorces compared to 1995-96, but a rise for marriages.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....			LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....		
	<i>Permanent Arrivals</i>	<i>West Australian Residents</i>	<i>Overseas Visitors</i>	<i>West Australian Residents</i>	<i>Overseas Visitors</i>	<i>Total Arrivals</i>
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
1996-97	10 520	334 750	397 610	8 880	11 650	763 410
Months						
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340
Jan 97	900	39 040	29 630	870	1 850	72 290
Feb 97	780	21 440	39 350	620	2 700	64 900
Mar 97	920	24 880	35 670	740	590	62 800
Apr 97	830	24 030	33 000	580	670	59 110
May 97	790	24 280	25 000	540	500	51 110
Jun 97	760	27 310	28 540	580	680	57 850
Jul 97	750	36 790	30 820	670	2 110	71 140
Aug 97	720	33 360	26 780	600	690	62 150
Sep 97	720	33 830	31 640	650	640	67 490
Oct 97	790	43 460	37 810	720	860	83 630

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES.....			LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....		
	<i>Permanent Departures</i>	<i>West Australian Residents</i>	<i>Overseas Visitors</i>	<i>West Australian Residents</i>	<i>Overseas Visitors</i>	<i>Total Departures</i>
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
1996-97	3 610	339 990	389 530	8 080	6 180	747 390
Months						
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880
Jan 97	370	23 760	41 050	1 120	500	66 800
Feb 97	280	20 340	36 760	710	410	58 500
Mar 97	320	27 960	32 850	730	410	62 270
Apr 97	330	25 870	36 390	750	390	63 730
May 97	290	30 520	28 360	630	400	60 210
Jun 97	280	29 910	29 840	550	640	61 230
Jul 97	360	40 020	27 080	690	710	68 870
Aug 97	290	33 010	29 840	700	400	64 250
Sep 97	260	40 300	28 230	630	480	69 910
Oct 97	230	30 750	31 790	530	400	63 700

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

Total arrivals in October 1997 were 24% higher than in the previous month and were 11% higher than in October 1996.

The number of Western Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas rose by 28% from the previous month to 43,460 persons. This was a 13% increase over October 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits increased by 20% from September 1997 and by 10% since October 1996.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in October 1997 after a long-term stay overseas, increased by 11% from the previous month and increased by 4% over the October 1996 level. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors increased by 34% on September 1997, and by 16% on October 1996 figures.

Total departures in October 1997 fell by 9% from the previous month and were 12% higher than in October 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Western Australian residents fell by 24% on September 1997, and rose by 15% on October 1996 figures. Short-term departures of overseas visitors rose by 13% from September 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors fell by 19% from September 1997 and long-term departures of Western Australian residents fell by 16% over the same period.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....					
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	Total(b)
.....						
Financial Years						
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
1996-97	26 420	69 460	51 600	33 940	63 950	397 610
Months						
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430
Jan 97	1 940	7 200	3 400	3 220	2 500	29 630
Feb 97	1 410	6 440	7 930	3 040	5 060	39 350
Mar 97	2 080	8 420	3 400	3 500	5 200	35 670
Apr 97	2 590	5 710	4 120	2 850	5 430	33 000
May 97	1 880	2 510	2 910	1 270	4 770	25 000
Jun 97	2 180	3 300	4 250	1 100	9 150	28 540
Jul 97	2 090	3 070	6 730	2 560	3 880	30 820
Aug 97	2 250	3 120	2 610	4 060	3 940	26 780
Sep 97	2 560	5 240	2 350	3 190	5 800	31 640
Oct 97	3 320	8 240	3 290	2 480	6 240	37 810

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTRO013.

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals rose by 20% on September 1997. The total of 37,810 arrivals in October 1997 was 10% higher than in October 1996.

The number of visitors from the United Kingdom and Ireland in October 1997 increased by 3,000 or 57% on September 1997 and by 51% on October 1996. Short-term arrivals from Japan decreased by 22% on September 1997, but decreased by 2% on October 1996.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....								
	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total(a)
Financial Years									
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
1996-97	6 670	24 050	33 880	27 870	23 600	45 350	10 240	2 590	215 820
Months									
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 360
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 830
Jan 97	420	2 930	1 290	2 520	570	960	500	280	13 050
Feb 97	350	2 610	5 600	2 750	2 690	3 110	730	190	22 380
Mar 97	570	3 110	2 260	2 770	1 110	3 820	960	200	19 150
Apr 97	570	1 700	2 510	2 380	1 860	3 440	1 150	150	16 340
May 97	270	860	1 920	1 000	3 420	3 600	880	310	13 760
Jun 97	760	1 000	2 840	890	1 340	7 010	370	240	16 210
Jul 97	590	1 030	4 230	2 090	1 640	1 840	580	180	15 390
Aug 97	850	1 020	1 470	2 960	2 660	2 740	380	310	15 040
Sep 97	940	1 770	1 150	2 530	3 180	4 230	130	280	17 170
Oct 97	970	2 870	1 600	2 160	3 170	4 180	370	180	19 380

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in October 1997 rose by 13% on September 1997. There was a total of 19,380 visitors in October 1997 compared with 18,580 in October 1996.

For October 1997, there was an increase in the number of holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland of 1,100 or 62%, compared with September 1997. Holidaymakers from Indonesia increased by 39%. The number of holidaymakers from Japan decreased by 15% and by 36% from the United States of America.

Compared with October 1996, holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland increased by 71% and by 23% from Singapore. Over the same period the number of holidaymakers from Thailand decreased by 77% and by 43% from Indonesia.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS (a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
1996-97	26 580	50 320	89 030	23 620	26 770	339 990
Months						
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 860	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260
Jan 97	2 770	2 240	6 510	1 650	2 020	23 760
Feb 97	1 910	2 170	4 870	1 930	2 380	20 340
Mar 97	2 210	3 290	7 630	1 740	2 960	27 960
Apr 97	2 360	3 670	5 900	1 540	1 860	25 870
May 97	1 180	7 410	6 460	1 800	2 490	30 520
Jun 97	930	6 230	8 570	1 800	1 840	29 910
Jul 97	2 110	7 360	10 790	3 140	2 720	40 020
Aug 97	1 650	4 920	10 470	2 260	3 380	33 010
Sep 97	2 450	5 090	12 940	2 180	3 400	40 300
Oct 97	2 470	3 190	10 870	1 840	2 260	30 750

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

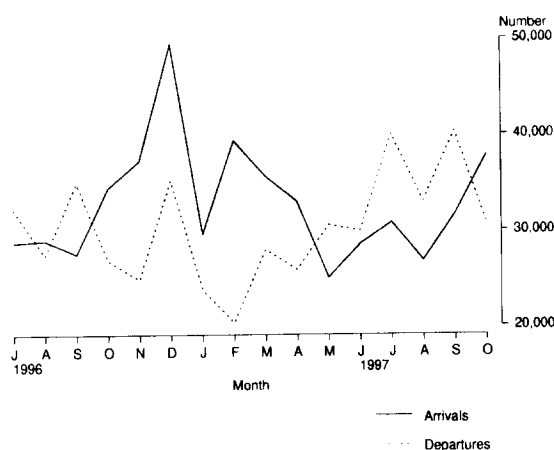
Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

For October 1997, short term departures of residents from Western Australia decreased by 9,550 persons, or 24%, on September 1997. The total of 30,750 persons was 3,920 or 15% higher than recorded for October 1996.

Compared with September 1997, short-term departures of residents fell to the United Kingdom and Ireland by 37%, to Singapore by 34%, to Malaysia and Indonesia by 16%.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMTR0013.

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
1996-97	10 860	23 760	72 520	10 660	13 480	9 790	9 530	186 240
Months								
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 340	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950
Jan 97	1 060	740	5 240	830	900	560	500	11 980
Feb 97	830	580	3 680	620	1 020	650	150	9 260
Mar 97	960	1 250	6 520	650	2 150	1 160	840	16 210
Apr 97	1 220	1 960	4 080	310	550	810	610	12 910
May 97	370	4 020	5 120	630	1 120	530	800	15 720
Jun 97	420	3 320	6 290	900	740	740	840	16 580
Jul 97	1 120	4 340	9 560	2 110	1 360	1 280	1 200	25 110
Aug 97	860	2 240	8 650	910	2 270	590	850	19 590
Sep 97	1 170	2 840	11 260	780	1 800	1 640	1 950	25 120
Oct 97	1 260	1 700	9 720	840	1 280	1 980	960	19 410

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 19,410 short-term departures of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in October 1997. This was 5,710 residents or 23% less than departed in September 1997 and 3,420 residents more than in October 1996.

For October 1997, countries which recorded an increase in the number of Western Australian short-term holidaymakers were New Zealand, Malaysia and Thailand. Of the other popular holiday destinations for Western Australians, the United Kingdom and Ireland, Indonesia and the United States of America recorded decreases in the number of holidaymakers visiting since September 1997.

Indonesia continues to be the favoured short-term holiday destinations for Western Australian residents. Of the total of 19,410 departures for October 1997, 9,720 or 50% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination.

Compared with October 1996, departures of holidaymakers increased by 21% overall. The United Kingdom and Ireland and Singapore were the only countries to record decreases, by 1% and 4% respectively, in the number of short term visitors from Western Australia.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.6 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES.....

CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	14 754	57	2 154	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153
Oct 96		67	232		38	116
Nov 96		61	195		36	79
Dec 96	15 996	54	193	30 105	40	111
Jan 97		54	487		45	128
Feb 97		60	424		39	76
Mar 97	16 065	58	474	30 212	40	102
Apr 97		58	193		40	105
May 97		53	177		38	86
Jun 97	16 040	51	165	30 238	41	93
Jul 97		56	193		45	143
Aug 97		56	198		46	146
Sep 97	16 275	63	224	30 205	45	138

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES.....

VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit lettings	Bed spaces	Bed occupancy rates	Guest nights
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37
Oct 96		63	14		39	38
Nov 96		54	12		41	38
Dec 96	2 797	61	13	3 109	41	39
Jan 97		69	14		42	42
Feb 97		55	12		41	37
Mar 97	2 832	58	13	3 224	42	42
Apr 97		57	12		44	42
May 97		46	11		40	38
Jun 97	2 849	43	9	3 259	36	35
Jul 97		55	12		36	37
Aug 97		46	11		34	35
Sep 97	2 918	57	14	3 295	37	37

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: ABS Catalogue (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Males					
Oct 96	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6
Nov 96	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8
Dec 96	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1
Jan 97	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4
Feb 97	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5
Mar 97	433.0	490.2	37.4	7.1	76.1
Apr 97	434.6	490.4	36.2	6.9	75.8
May 97	436.1	492.0	37.2	7.0	76.1
Jun 97	437.5	495.5	38.2	7.2	76.5
Jul 97	439.1	491.0	39.1	7.4	75.9
Aug 97	440.2	497.4	38.8	7.2	76.6
Sep 97	442.6	496.2	40.6	7.6	76.6
Oct 97	438.8	498.4	33.8	6.4	75.8
Nov 97	443.9	503.3	38.2	7.1	76.9
Dec 97	445.3	502.3	39.2	7.2	76.8
Females					
Oct 96	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9
Nov 96	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3
Dec 96	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8
Jan 97	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0
Feb 97	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0
Mar 97	187.8	359.4	31.6	8.1	55.8
Apr 97	191.7	356.8	31.5	8.1	55.4
May 97	191.7	355.9	26.2	6.9	54.4
Jun 97	186.6	356.1	27.5	7.2	54.5
Jul 97	198.7	362.4	26.8	6.9	55.2
Aug 97	197.1	365.2	28.4	7.2	55.7
Sep 97	201.8	374.6	24.7	6.2	56.4
Oct 97	195.9	367.3	25.9	6.6	55.4
Nov 97	198.5	366.1	26.1	6.7	55.2
Dec 97	193.2	364.3	29.2	7.4	55.3
Persons					
Oct 96	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2
Nov 96	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0
Dec 96	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4
Jan 97	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7
Feb 97	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7
Mar 97	620.8	849.6	69.0	7.5	65.9
Apr 97	626.3	847.3	67.8	7.4	65.5
May 97	627.8	847.9	63.5	7.0	65.2
Jun 97	624.1	851.6	65.7	7.2	65.5
Jul 97	637.8	853.4	66.0	7.2	65.5
Aug 97	637.3	862.6	67.2	7.2	66.1
Sep 97	644.3	870.8	65.3	7.0	66.4
Oct 97	634.7	865.7	59.8	6.5	65.6
Nov 97	642.4	869.4	64.3	6.9	66.0
Dec 97	638.5	866.6	68.4	7.3	66.0

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0).

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.4% in December 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 4,100 to 68,400, while the number of persons employed decreased by 2,800 to 866,600.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for December 1997 remained at 66.0%, and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend (a)

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males					
Oct 96	428.8	482.3	42.1	8.0	76.3
Nov 96	429.8	483.8	41.3	7.9	76.3
Dec 96	431.1	485.7	40.2	7.6	76.2
Jan 97	432.4	487.7	38.9	7.4	76.2
Feb 97	433.6	489.5	37.9	7.2	76.2
Mar 97	434.4	490.9	37.2	7.0	76.2
Apr 97	435.4	491.8	37.2	7.0	76.2
May 97	436.4	492.4	37.6	7.1	76.2
Jun 97	437.5	493.0	38.1	7.2	76.2
Jul 97	438.6	494.2	38.3	7.2	76.2
Aug 97	439.9	495.7	38.4	7.2	76.3
Sep 97	441.0	497.4	38.2	7.1	76.4
Oct 97	442.0	499.2	38.0	7.1	76.5
Nov 97	443.0	500.8	37.9	7.0	76.5
Dec 97	443.9	502.2	37.8	7.0	76.6
Females					
Oct 96	197.8	365.1	28.3	7.2	56.7
Nov 96	196.5	365.3	29.1	7.4	56.7
Dec 96	194.8	365.0	30.2	7.7	56.7
Jan 97	193.0	364.0	31.3	7.9	56.6
Feb 97	191.4	362.4	31.6	8.0	56.4
Mar 97	190.3	360.2	31.2	8.0	55.9
Apr 97	190.0	358.4	30.2	7.8	55.4
May 97	190.8	357.9	29.0	7.5	55.0
Jun 97	192.8	359.4	27.7	7.2	55.0
Jul 97	195.0	362.1	26.9	6.9	55.1
Aug 97	196.8	365.0	26.5	6.8	55.4
Sep 97	197.6	367.0	26.4	6.7	55.6
Oct 97	197.8	368.0	26.5	6.7	55.6
Nov 97	197.6	368.1	26.8	6.8	55.6
Dec 97	197.1	367.8	27.0	6.8	55.5
Persons					
Oct 96	626.6	847.4	70.4	7.7	66.4
Nov 96	626.3	849.1	70.4	7.7	66.4
Dec 96	625.9	850.7	70.4	7.6	66.4
Jan 97	625.4	851.7	70.2	7.6	66.4
Feb 97	625.0	851.9	69.5	7.5	66.2
Mar 97	624.7	851.1	68.4	7.4	66.0
Apr 97	625.4	850.1	67.4	7.3	65.7
May 97	627.2	850.3	66.5	7.3	65.5
Jun 97	630.3	852.4	65.8	7.2	65.5
Jul 97	633.7	856.3	65.2	7.1	65.6
Aug 97	636.7	860.8	64.8	7.0	65.8
Sep 97	638.6	864.5	64.6	7.0	65.9
Oct 97	639.9	867.1	64.6	6.9	66.0
Nov 97	640.6	869.0	64.7	6.9	66.0
Dec 97	641.0	870.0	64.9	6.9	66.0

(a) Trend estimates for the previous six months have been revised

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate remained at 6.9%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Sharon Morrison on (08) 9360 5900.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES — Trend

	FULL TIME ADULTS.....		ALL PERSONS
	<i>Ordinary time earnings</i>	<i>Total earnings</i>	<i>Total earnings</i>
	\$	\$	\$
.....			
Males			
17 May 96	748.60	807.10	690.80
16 Aug 96	747.00	806.30	689.40
15 Nov 96	744.60	804.60	690.00
21 Feb 97	749.20	809.70	696.10
16 May 97	759.10	819.80	704.10
16 Aug 97	771.90	832.30	711.40
Females			
17 May 96	577.20	589.10	411.10
16 Aug 96	584.10	596.20	412.80
15 Nov 96	585.90	598.50	415.00
21 Feb 97	587.60	599.90	417.00
16 May 97	593.00	604.90	419.00
16 Aug 97	602.50	613.70	421.20
Persons			
17 May 96	686.40	728.00	554.00
16 Aug 96	688.00	730.10	552.40
15 Nov 96	688.20	731.30	554.30
21 Feb 97	691.60	735.00	559.40
16 May 97	698.20	741.00	563.00
16 Aug 97	707.10	748.70	564.60

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

	<i>Number of Disputes</i>	<i>Directly</i>	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Working days lost</i>
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar Year					
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
1996	54	36.2	0.0	36.2	47.3
Months					
Jul 96	4	2.1	0.0	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	0.0	10.2	8.5
Sep 96	6	3.0	0.0	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	0.0	3.0	1.6
Nov 96	8	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.8
Dec 96	2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Jan 97	4	1.3	0.1	1.4	15.5
Feb 97	5	1.3	0.0	1.3	2.4
Mar 97	1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Apr 97	7	16.9	0.3	17.2	20.2
May 97	9	6.4	0.1	6.5	9.8
Jun 97	6	4.9	0.0	4.9	3.7
Jul 97	10	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.8
Aug 97	5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.8
Sep 97	10	1.8	0.0	1.8	1.6

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished Data.

3.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY-SECTOR

	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	Feb 1996	May 1996	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997	June qtr 1997
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
Industry							
Mining	30.2	29.8	29.7	29.2	28.9	30.1	449.7
Manufacturing	65.8	69.9	74.6	69.0	74.0	67.7	598.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	77.7
Construction	30.4	31.6	30.5	32.4	29.8	34.2	390.1
Wholesale Trade	44.0	43.1	44.1	45.1	43.3	45.7	336.1
Retail Trade	95.8	105.0	108.7	116.9	104.0	108.2	476.4
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	29.4	32.7	34.0	37.1	37.9	37.0	140.2
Transport and storage	24.8	24.0	23.3	21.8	23.5	25.2	240.7
Communication services	10.7	11.0	10.5	10.1	10.4	10.1	115.1
Finance & insurance	22.1	19.3	16.1	18.6	23.4	24.6	225.7
Property & business services	68.8	79.9	83.3	67.4	85.6	87.2	660.5
Government administration and defence	29.3	31.4	31.1	32.2	32.9	31.5	293.0
Education	49.8	57.0	59.3	65.4	59.9	63.7	502.3
Health & community services	75.9	76.7	73.0	72.4	67.9	67.9	472.7
Cultural & recreational services	* 18.7	* 16.1	9.7	9.2	16.5	15.3	75.1
Personal & other services	27.2	28.0	25.9	29.3	26.9	23.2	156.4
All industries (a)	631.0	663.6	662.1	664.4	673.6	680.1	5 225.2
Sector							
Private	484.8	510.5	515.6	515.5	528.3	534.0	3 879.4
Public	146.2	153.1	146.5	149.0	145.3	146.1	1 345.8

	February 1997.....			May 1997.....		
	Full-time	Part-time	Persons	Full-time	Part-time	Persons
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Industry						
Mining	27.9	1.0	28.9	29.3	0.8	30.1
Manufacturing	66.9	7.1	74.0	60.5	7.2	67.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	0.2	7.0	6.8	0.2	7.0
Construction	25.7	4.1	29.8	31.3	2.9	34.2
Wholesale Trade	33.3	10.0	43.3	34.7	11.0	45.7
Retail Trade	48.7	55.3	104.0	48.9	59.3	108.2
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	12.6	25.3	37.9	13.4	23.7	37.0
Transport and storage	19.5	3.9	23.5	21.0	4.2	25.2
Communication services	9.0	1.4	10.4	8.8	1.3	10.1
Finance & insurance	18.3	5.2	23.4	18.4	6.3	24.6
Property & business services	62.7	22.9	85.6	57.2	30.0	87.2
Government administration and defence	25.7	7.2	32.9	25.3	6.2	31.5
Education	38.9	21.0	59.9	39.1	24.6	63.7
Health & community services	31.1	36.8	67.9	31.2	36.6	67.9
Cultural & recreational services	6.9	9.6	16.5	6.4	8.9	15.3
Personal & other services	17.5	9.4	26.9	16.5	6.7	23.2
All industries (a)	453.0	220.6	673.6	450.2	230.0	680.1
Sector						
Private	344.6	183.7	528.3	343.3	190.8	534.0
Public	108.4	36.9	145.3	106.9	39.2	146.1

(a) Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Reference: Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

4.1

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Other household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Dec 96	509.6	176.8	91.3	207.2	71.2
Jan 97	475.0	86.4	64.4	178.7	53.0
Feb 97	428.7	76.2	50.3	157.2	49.1
Mar 97	467.0	89.1	56.7	157.1	50.1
Apr 97	426.1	88.5	59.0	165.0	58.2
May 97	454.4	107.0	65.2	174.2	59.1
Jun 97	417.5	81.2	53.2	163.1	55.3
Jul 97	445.1	95.3	50.2	167.8	59.6
Aug 97	445.8	87.5	45.2	170.1	56.3
Sep 97	437.8	94.7	44.3	173.3	57.6
Oct 97	478.5	104.8	53.8	182.4	60.4
Nov 97	464.4	110.3	50.8	190.3	60.2

	Hospitality and services	Other	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Dec 96	179.0	133.5	1 368.6	1 064.3	1 091.1
Jan 97	163.1	93.1	1 113.8	1 125.8	1 103.2
Feb 97	150.4	91.7	1 003.5	1 125.0	1 111.6
Mar 97	160.0	87.4	1 067.4	1 119.1	1 115.1
Apr 97	161.8	101.4	1 060.1	1 104.7	1 114.9
May 97	163.1	103.2	1 126.2	1 115.6	1 114.3
Jun 97	157.9	91.2	1 019.4	1 104.6	1 114.6
Jul 97	173.4	105.9	1 097.2	1 111.3	1 117.7
Aug 97	171.5	103.8	1 080.3	1 136.7	1 122.3
Sep 97	171.8	117.7	1 091.1	1 126.5	1 126.1
Oct 97	171.1	113.2	1 164.2	1 130.8	1 129.3
Nov 97	168.3	109.5	1 153.8	1 124.2	1 131.2

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

5.1

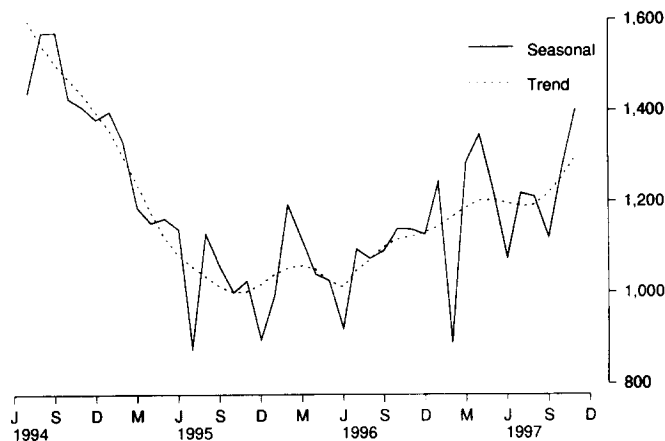
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES.....		OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....		TOTAL (a).....	
	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value	Dwelling Units	Value
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
1996-97	13 633	1 349.1	2 013	175.7	15 743	1 524.7
Months						
Sep 96	1 108	108.2	127	9.0	1 245	117.2
Oct 96	1 157	111.0	204	15.9	1 376	126.9
Nov 96	1 175	112.6	187	15.2	1 366	127.8
Dec 96	1 035	102.4	194	18.1	1 242	120.5
Jan 97	1 034	103.4	135	15.6	1 182	119.0
Feb 97	803	80.2	238	21.1	1 047	101.3
Mar 97	1 039	108.7	165	17.1	1 216	125.8
Apr 97	1 456	143.8	163	15.4	1 626	159.2
May 97	1 376	140.5	195	16.8	1 576	157.3
Jun 97	1 151	120.6	103	9.6	1 254	130.2
Jul 97	1 283	129.8	223	17.4	1 531	147.2
Aug 97	1 225	125.1	132	10.0	1 373	135.0
Sep 97	1 216	129.0	95	10.3	1 328	139.3
Oct 97	1 323	136.4	183	14.2	1 508	150.6
Nov 97	1 355	142.2	184	12.4	1 541	154.6

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact
Phil Smythe on (08) 9360 5180.

5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	Private	Public	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years			
1994-95	580.9	147.3	728.2
1995-96	692.0	111.1	803.1
1996-97	774.3	430.1	1 204.4
Months			
Sep 96	74.1	17.8	91.9
Oct 96	114.6	26.4	141.0
Nov 96	54.9	110.1	165.0
Dec 96	39.0	7.4	46.4
Jan 97	31.7	35.0	66.7
Feb 97	73.6	44.2	117.8
Mar 97	68.3	22.1	90.4
Apr 97	72.7	6.1	78.8
May 97	63.1	83.3	146.4
Jun 97	46.3	7.8	54.1
Jul 97	71.2	34.1	105.3
Aug 97	51.8	29.6	81.4
Sep 97	54.3	2.2	56.5
Oct 97	64.6	33.7	98.3
Nov 97	70.5	8.9	79.4

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact
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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	Materials used in house building	Established homes	Project homes
Financial Years			
1994-95	112.7	109.0	100.0
1995-96	114.8	108.2	101.6
1996-97	115.3	109.2	101.3
Quarters			
Jun 96	114.6	108.2	101.4
Sep 96	115.0	108.0	101.5
Dec 96	115.0	107.5	101.4
Mar 97	115.3	110.4	101.2
Jun 97	115.8	110.9	101.2
Sep 97	116.0	112.2	101.3

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);

House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	<i>All groups</i>	<i>Electrical materials</i>	<i>Mechanical services</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>
Financial years				
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
1996-97	114.6	110.6	113.3	119.2
Quarters				
Jun 96	113.5	113.8	114.5	119.9
Sep 96	114.0	111.0	114.0	117.5
Dec 96	114.3	109.7	113.0	117.8
Mar 97	114.9	110.7	113.2	119.9
Jun 97	115.2	111.0	112.9	121.6
Sep 97	115.3	111.0	113.1	124.7

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>
Financial years					
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.5
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
1996-97	106.6	124.1	120.1	113.9	117.0
Quarters					
Jun 96	108.6	122.3	114.7	108.6	117.6
Sep 96	106.8	123.5	119.6	109.9	116.4
Dec 96	105.6	123.6	119.5	113.4	116.4
Mar 97	106.9	123.6	121.0	116.1	116.4
Jun 97	107.2	125.5	120.1	116.1	118.8
Sep 97	107.2	127.4	118.8	116.1	118.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1994-95	244	186	430	4	3 088	1 464	604
1995-96	218	182	400	3	2 833	1 594	563
1996-97p	198	208	406	5	2 785	2 094	551
Months							
Sep 96 p	17	17	33	1	275	179	43
Oct 96 p	20	20	40	-	314	242	39
Nov 96 p	20	20	40	1	270	157	45
Dec 96 p	21	20	41	-	235	129	47
Jan 97 p	20	21	41	-	219	126	43
Feb 97 p	17	21	38	-	223	180	46
Mar 97 p	14	18	32	-	239	176	50
Apr 97 p	14	15	30	-	227	198	45
May 97 p	14	16	31	1	250	229	49
Jun 97 p	13	14	28	-	131	141	53
Jul 97 p	15	17	32	1	150	155	47
Aug 97 p	15	17	32	-	225	155	45
Sep 97 p	18	19	37	-	295	222	45
Oct 97p	21	22	42	-	338	220	43
Nov 97p	20	19	40	-	304	189	42

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Financial Years					
1994-95	97 140	250	61 868	22 359	37 109
1995-96	94 859	213	57 428	28 139	35 341
1996-97p	9 3625	290	55 337	35 881	38 897
Months					
Aug 96p	6 731	23	4 532	2 951	2 913
Sep 96p	7 907	29	5 383	3 054	2 991
Oct 96p	9 456	24	6 272	3 985	2 919
Nov 96p	9 416	25	5 466	2 644	3 165
Dec 96p	9 130	26	4 693	2 226	3 261
Jan 97p	9 291	23	4 245	2 161	3 095
Feb 97p	8 512	21	4 280	3 110	3 310
Mar 97p	7 389	21	4 982	2 990	3 575
Apr 97p	6 662	17	4 681	3 381	3 149
May 97p	7 024	37	4 835	3 974	3 734
Jun 97p	6 375	22	2 556	2 606	3 893
Jul 97p	7 555	24	3 026	2 834	3 077
Aug 97p	7 465	20	4 680	2 590	2 944
Sep 97p	8 932	24	6 354	4 007	3 019
Oct 97p	10 265	23	7 222	3 944	2 816
Nov 97p	9 575	21	6 347	3 403	2 659

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

	RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS.....		EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP.....		
	Bales	Tonnes	Quantity '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight '000t
Financial Years					
1994-95	972 837	172 575	3 871.4	127 974	193.3
1995-96	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
1996-97	909 768	161 708	3 747.5	136 613	188.5
Months					
Sep 96	121 600	21 734	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	121 626	21 541	466.8	17 067	24.3
Nov 96	84 634	14 957	329.2	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 865	6 274	274.1	9 365	13.9
Jan 97	63 003	11 221	354.4	12 425	19.2
Feb 97	84 524	14 989	368.6	13 077	18.8
Mar 97	85 467	15 239	387.0	14 226	19.1
Apr 97	78 123	13 834	70.4	2 693	3.4
May 97	44 266	7 801	323.5	12 095	16.1
Jun 97	37 431	6 675	264.6	10 595	12.0
Jul 97	r 63 294	r 11 270	230.8	r 9 380	r11.6
Aug 97	r 89 212	r 15 839	r 113.2	r 4755	r 6.1
Sep 97	r 79735	r 14211	r 291.4	r 10891	14.3
Oct 97	129 168	22 898	r 336.3	r 13013	r 17.7
Nov 97	81 006	14 334	241.7	8 847	12.7

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

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6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)(d)	Natural gas(d)
	'000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m ³
Financial Years					
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
1996-97	5 557	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Months					
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	4 475	4 516
Jan 97	448	1 463	17 659		
Feb 97	469	1 362	15 408		
Mar 97	561	1 331	17 201	3 750	4 130
Apr 97	407	1 302	17 147		
May 97	393	1 315	18 506		
Jun 97	470	1 404	17 594	3 938	3 952
Jul 97	413	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
Aug 97	482	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
Sep 97	522	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	4 589	4 633
Oct 97	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
Nov 97	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS.....			NON-METALLIC MINERALS....		
	<i>Base metals(a)</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Diamonds</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total minerals</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Quarters						
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.6	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8
Dec 96	20.1	147.9	n.a.	11.5	n.a.	187.7
Mar 97	17.4	108.1	1.1	7.5	0.4	144.2
Jun 97	27.0	155.5	1.4	10.8	1.2	210.0
Sep 97	28.1	138.2	0.5	8.3	0.1	182.7

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	<i>Iron ore</i>	<i>Bauxite</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Ilmenite</i>	<i>Nickel</i>	<i>Diamonds</i>
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1994-95	132 743	26 852	187.3	1 631	94	43 590
1995-96	143 489	28 250	206.5	1 871	105	42 566
1996-97	150 711r	27 466	226.7	1 910	115	37 120
Quarters						
Sep 96	36 603	6 865	53.8	464	28	11 235
Dec 96	37 576	6 734	57.2	472	29	9 450
Mar 97	35 864	6 722	56.0	484	28	7 036
Jun 97	38 667r	7 144	59.7r	490	30	9 399
Sep 97	38 917	7 148	59.0	533	33	10 423

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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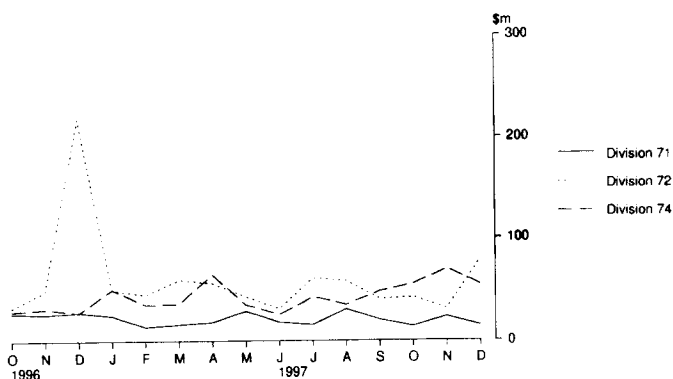
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33	71	72	74	78
	Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	Power generating machinery and equipment	Machinery specialised for particular industries	General industrial machinery and equipment	Road vehicles
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994-95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.0	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
1996-97	1 010.4	309.8	696.9	420.8	811.6
Months					
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3
Feb 97	118.0	13.9	45.3	35.7	57.4
Mar 97	36.2	16.3	59.5	36.5	63.4
Apr 97	44.4	18.6	55.9	64.9	66.7
May 97	85.2	29.1	43.1	35.1	75.2
Jun 97	70.2	18.5	31.4	25.9	58.3
Jul 97	71.9	15.7	61.0	42.8	87.8
Aug 97	61.1	30.8	58.4	35.4	76.1
Sep 97	90.2	20.6	41.1	48.2	86.2
Oct 97	69.6	14.0	42.4	55.0	100.2
Nov 97	81.8	23.6	31.4	69.7	87.4
Dec 97	94.7	15.0	79.5	54.9	94.1

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

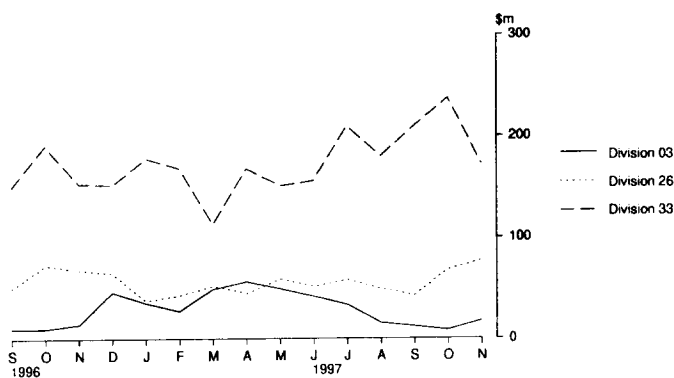
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03	04	26	28	33
	<i>Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)</i>	<i>Metalliferous ores and metal scrap</i>	<i>Petroleum, petroleum products etc.</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
1996-97	371.3	1 667.7	646.1	3 591.4	1 942.5
Months					
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8
Feb 97	27.1	146.7	42.8	275.6	168.1
Mar 97	48.8	207.2	51.9	321.2	113.0
Apr 97	56.0	158.3	44.4	312.8	167.8
May 97	49.0	120.8	58.8	354.4	151.2
Jun 97	41.4	104.6	51.3	337.2	155.9
Jul 97	33.2	94.9	58.0	324.8	209.8
Aug 97	15.3	73.5	48.6	368.1	180.2
Sep 97	12.1	103.9	42.2	352.8	209.7
Oct 97	8.4	139.0	68.0	310.7	237.6
Nov 97	17.7	116.7	77.2	365.6	172.5

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics.

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8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....					PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....	
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters Total(b)
Financial Years							
1994-95	52 094	10 693	2 168	64 955	2 355	52 167	1 655
1995-96	51 319	10 838	2 324	64 481	2 441	51 514	1 648
1996-97 p	56 984	10 828	2 207	70 019	2 692	54 721	1 837
Months							
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	5 317	183	4 331	111
Oct 96	5 209	874	196	6 279	238	4 977	165
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	5 661	368	4 455	287
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	5 901	228	4 584	159
Jan 97	4 436	802	129	5 367	196	4 222	136
Feb 97	4 760	989	186	5 935	205	4 587	126
Mar 97	4 167	874	161	5 202	213	3 966	153
Apr 97	4 670	960	221	5 851	188	4 478	115
May 97	5 072	909	183	6 164	234	5 089	162
Jun 97	5 267	1 254	207	6 728	238	5 063	173
Jul 97	5 409	905	173	6 487	185	5 151	114
Aug 97	5 000	756	181	5 937	208	4 792	133
Sep 97	5 339	786	149	6 297	196	4 977	129
Oct 97	6 334	934	220	7 488	436	5 832	352
Nov 97	5 435	923	175	6 533	290	5 066	189

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend	Original	Trend	Original	Trend
Months						
Sep 96	4 392	4 655	925	1 072	5 317	5 727
Oct 96	5 209	4 686	1 070	1 044	6 279	5 730
Nov 96	4 656	4 709	1 005	1 039	5 661	5 748
Dec 96	4 861	4 722	1 040	1 054	5 901	5 776
Jan 97	4 436	4 732	931	1 080	5 367	5 812
Feb 97	4 760	4 759	1 175	1 106	5 935	5 865
Mar 97	4 167	4 805	1 035	1 123	5 202	5 928
Apr 97	4 670	4 875	1 181	1 126	5 851	6 001
May 97	5 072	4 958	1 092	1 117	6 164	6 075
Jun 97	5 267	5 052	1 254	1 109	6 521	6 161
Jul 97	5 409	5 148	1 078	1 103	6 487	6 251
Aug 97	5 000	5 234	937	1 096	5 937	6 330
Sep 97	5 339	5 326	958	1 097	6 297	6 423
Oct 97	6 334	5 603	1 154	1 102	7 488	6 705
Nov 97	5 435	5 598	1 098	1 103	6 533	6 701

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS: Original

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Original	Seasonally adjusted
Financial Years					
1995-96	4 285	1 046	2 575	7 907	7 899
1996-97	4 158	625	1 834	6 617	6 635
Quarters					
Jun 96	1 141	414	598	2 153	2 065
Sep 96	865	162	505	1 532	1 716
Dec 96	1 063	166	581	1 810	1 600
Mar 97	1 063	145	323	1 531	1 661
Jun 97	1 168	153	424	1 745	1 657
Sep 97	1 190	194	407	1 792	1 997

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

10.1

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Jun qtr 97 p	'000	18 532.2	1 798.1	0.4	1 765.3	1.9
Natural increase	Jun qtr 97 p	No.	32 968	3 850	-2.6	3 575	7.7
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Sep qtr 97	'000	8 166.5	615.2	14.8	635.8	-3.2
Guest rooms available	Sep qtr 97	No.	179 033	16 275	1.5	15 396	5.7
Room occupancy rates	Sep qtr 97	%	58.0	57.9	7.6	62.0	-6.6
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Oct 97	No.	366 477	37 810	20.0	34 460	9.7
Long-term arrivals	Oct 97	No.	6 854	860	34.4	740	16.2
<i>Resident Departures</i>							
Short-term departures	Oct 97	No.	236 853	30 750	-23.7	26 830	14.6
Long-term departures	Oct 97	No.	5 173	530	-15.9	500	6.0
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Dec 97	'000	8 509.2	870.0	0.1	850.7	2.3
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Trend)	Dec 97	'000	767.1	64.9	0.0	70.4	-7.8
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Dec 97	%	63.2	66.0	0.0	66.4	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Dec 97	%	8.3	6.9	0.0	7.6	-9.2
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings (Trend)</i>							
Males	Aug 97	\$	807.90	832.30	1.5	806.30	3.2
Females	Aug 97	\$	640.70	613.70	1.5	596.20	2.9
Persons	Aug 97	\$	745.90	748.70	1.0	730.10	2.5
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Nov 97	\$m	11 505.2	1 153.8	-0.9	1 121.6	2.9
Trend	Nov 97	\$m	11 241.5	1 131.2	0.2	1 079.4	4.8
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Nov 97	No	13 077	1 541	2.2	1 366	12.8
Value of all building	Nov 97	\$m	2 610.5	250.2	-6.4	307.5	-18.5
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Sep qtr 97	Index No.	117.3	116.0	0.2	115.0	0.9
Established houses	Sep qtr 97	Index No.	118.9	112.2	1.2	108.0	3.9
Project homes	Sep qtr 97	Index No.	109.9	101.3	0.1	101.5	-0.2
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Sept qtr 97	\$m	196.7	138.2	-11.1	120.2	15.0
Other minerals	Sept qtr 97	\$m	105.1	44.5	-18.3	42.6	4.5
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Dec 97	\$m	7 924.7	813.4	23.3	757.8	7.3
Exports	Nov 97	\$m	7 648.3	1 885.0	-4.6	1 492.8	26.3
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Nov 97	No.	52 985	5 435	-14.2	4 656	16.7
Trend	Nov 97	No.	54 660	5 598	1.7	4 694	19.3
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Nov 97	No.	61 460	6 533	-12.7	5 661	15.4
Trend	Nov 97	No.	63 707	6 701	1.5	5 741	15.7
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Sep qtr 97	\$m	10 601	1 792	2.7	1 532	17.0
Seasonally adjusted	Sep qtr 97	\$m	10 939	1 997	20.5	1 716	16.4



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